

Samuel Nathan Wolfsdorf (1930 – 1951)

Sam Wolfsdorf graduated from Chula Vista High School in 1950. He was a standout halfback football player and a sprinter on the High school track team, and was featured in a couple articles in the San Diego Tribune-Sun newspaper in 1948 and 1949. It was noted that Sam Wolfsdorf transferred from Brooklyn, New York in his sophomore year (1947). During his Senior Year, he was Co-Captain of the CVHS Varsity Football Team where he also earned the Most Valuable Player Trophy and was named to the All-Metro Squad. The first home football game ever played at the "4th & K" campus was a real classic. Sam "*The San Ysidro Kid*" (as he was referred to in many local newspaper articles) inaugurated the new home football field by scoring (3) touchdowns to lead the Spartans to a victory over Oceanside. The football used that historic day was signed by the varsity squad and is presently on display @ CVHS.

He was the only son of Mrs. Sally Gechter and they lived at 142-2 San Ysidro Blvd in San Ysidro. After graduating from Chula Vista High School, Sam attended San Bernardino Junior College where he was also a standout halfback football player. Sam enlisted in the U.S. Army on Feb 15, 1951. He received training at Camp Roberts and was then sent to Korea, where he served as a Private in the Korean War. He died on August 31, 1951 only five days after arriving in Korea. Sam is buried next to his mother at the Home of Peace Cemetery in San Diego.

Shortly after Sam's death, his alumni and fellow classmates got together with the Chula Vista High School Administration and started the "*Sam Wolfsdorf Memorial Citizenship Trophy*", which is awarded each year to the Chula Vista High School Student that was voted the best citizen of the year. This trophy has a 50-year tradition with a CVHS students name engraved on it from 1951---2003. It has been displayed @ CVHS with other memorabilia donated by Sam's family. The memorabilia display includes Sam's CVHS Letterman's Sweater, Sam's Purple Heart, and a picture colleague.

